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Caring For Our Children

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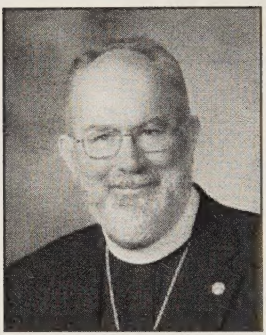
A Word From The Bishop



> Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
>
> Matthew 6:25-26 NRSV

At times I wish that all of the current economic reporting would close with these words of Jesus. I am not an economist and I have no pretense that I know what tomorrow will bring to our economy or to my own finances. I do know that God has called us into a new relationship with God, the world, my neighbor and whatever wealth may be entrusted to me.

Luther's understanding of vocation also speaks to our current dilemma. If my vocation is from God, then how will I be a good steward of that aspect of my life, even while facing issues of employment or economic downturn?

The issues before us are not just economic, but have a primary basis in our faith. How I understand my baptismal call to serve in vocation of spouse, parent, citizen and pastor are all involved in my decisions today. The church has the responsibility to remind itself and the world of our vocations in Christ.

There will continue to be headlines about the affects of our economic distress. The Synod Council is taking a cautiously conservative approach to spending and to budgeting. The ELCA Church Council has taken action to cut the churchwide spending in view of a downturn

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A Word From The Bishop

mission support. There will be painful cisions in the coming months that will ult from these decisions.

The words of Jesus, "do not worry about ur life" need to be spoken to our fearful arts. The ministry of Christ's church still remains before us. e are still to declare the love of God through our crucified d risen Lord, Jesus Christ. We are still to welcome the dow, orphan and resident alien. We are still to care for d's creation. None of the commands of our God have been aside due to financial distress.

Our financial distress is the result of our greed and sire for quick fixes to complex problems. Further panic at e lack of quick fixes only exaggerates the problem. Now is e time for the vocation of Christ's disciples to act on Jesus monition, "Do not worry."

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Bible Book Of Faith

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What is the *Book of Faith* initiative? How can we participate? What is the program? How is this different from the Bethel series? Or Search? Or Word and Witness?

These questions are some that have been asked when the *Book of Faith Initiative* is discussed. A look at the initiative and its purpose may help to answer some of these questions.

Bishop Boerger in his April Soundings article speaks to the issue of corporate and individual Bible study. Corporate study brings us together to share ideas and understandings of faith. The *Book of Faith* initiative is the focus for the ELCA and its members to call attention to the need for better familiarity and understanding of scripture. The emphasis is not on our participating in some new program, but in a renewed involvement in reading and understanding the Bible. The purpose is to get us more involved with the Bible so we can speak more confidently about the stories and ideas found in the Bible, to work together to better understand these stories and ideas, and to take messages learned from understanding and apply them in our daily living.

The *Book of Faith* web site holds information for understanding the initiative (www.bookoffaith.org). Another web site is a place to share information with others on how to become more familiar with stories in the biblical traditions and how to better understand these stories and traditions (www.bookoffaith.ning.com). Please visit these sites to explore and see what other ELCA members are sharing about their faith journey.

Our Synod also has a chat room where we share ideas and approaches for how scripture can become more familiar. Look for it on the "ning" site.

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Bible Book Of Faith

The initiative is a way to help change societal perspective on the importance reading the Bible and to emphasize the portance of understanding scripture.

While the emphasis is not a curriculum, *gsburg Fortress* has published/is publishing ariety of resources that can be used in the process. ese are resources, not a prescribed course of study. ch congregation and specialized ministry can use these ources as best helps in their process of becoming more ent and increasing understanding.

The current Bible studies that are happening in churches, ools, campuses, in clinical settings and in retirement ters are all part of the *Book of Faith* initiative. Celebrate *Book of Faith* activities already in place. Share with ers those approaches that are working and those that ve been tried and don't' work as well as planned. Increase ticipation in scripture study. Join the online discussion.

This fall several different learning and teaching portunities, and workshops will be provided by this synod's *ok of Faith* work group. Information will be available later s spring.

The initiative has been listed as lasting five years. e study of the Bible will not last only five years. Study, niliarity and understanding are life-long learning activities. is initial emphasis called the *Book of Faith Initiative* will p renew our commitment to study scripture and to jump rt a more concentrated emphasis on understanding the le in our lives as members of the ELCA.

Come, join the conversation. Share your ideas and derstandings. Become more fluent in the stories of the le.

tor's Note: At the 2008 Synod Assembly voting members added the rd Bible to the initiative.

National Advertisements

For Our Church

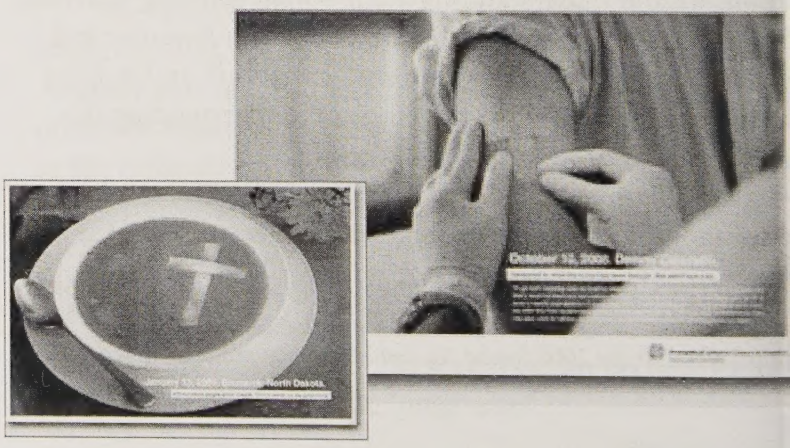
The ELCA launched a national television "brand campaign" March 30 on national cable channels and in selected television markets. A second campaign will follow on May 11.

"The purpose of the ELCA brand campaign is to grow awareness of the ELCA and inspire members to invite others to a worship service," said Kristi S. Bangert, executive director, ELCA Communication Services. "After two years of research, testing and tweaking, the ads were ready for prime time.

Through April 19, two ELCA television spots featuring the tag line "God's work, our hands," aired on the CNN, HLN the Fox News channel, HGTV, and the DIY Network. The spots can be viewed at www.ELCA.org/ads/tv.

The television ads are supported with print, outdoor and online advertising artwork that can be used by congregations Bangert said. These materials are also available at on the ELCA Web site.

"This church wants people to know that we are out there offering hope and care -- doing God's work with our hands," Bangert said. "By putting this comprehensive plan into action, we hope to spread the word about what God is doing in and through the ELCA."



2009 Synod Assembly

Bringing Our Gifts To God's Party

The 2009 Synod Assembly is going to be a ebration!

The two-day assembly at the Lynnwood nvention Center is designed in a new mat this year so that the celebration and business can both take priority.

Friday, May 15, is all business. This allows to give the priority that the business of the iod deserves.

Saturday, May 16, is designed with a ebration of who the Northwest Washington Synod is. r keynote speaker is Dr. Leonard Sweet, a nationally own author and teacher. (Check out his website at w.leonardsweet.com.)

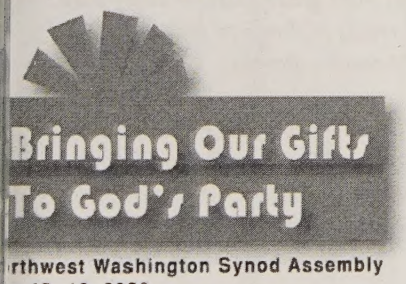
Celebration worship will be on Saturday and will lude a synod-wide choir of all ages. The party will ntinue throughout the day as we offer many "party" oms where we will be sharing all of the resources and nistries that are available in our own synod. Come to ebrate who we are and what we are doing.

Saturday is open to everyone. Voting members will be re, but we also want to share this "party" with everyone.

Come, celebrate and learn. We are *Bringing Our Gifts God's Party!*

Contact co-chair Pam Kluth at purplepatch47@msn.n or Kim Unti at kim.unti@comcast.net. We are excited share with you what the plans are. Maybe you would like help host the party – we would love to have you join us.

More information for May 15 and May 16 is now available at www.lutheransnw.org.



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to provide culturally and ethnically matched foster homes whenever possible.

Together we can continue to be a positive change in a foster child's life. No matter how much time you have to give, you can do something positive that will change a lifetime for a young person in foster care:

- If you have a few minutes – make a contribution.
- If you have a few hours – volunteer to help by providing childcare or food for support groups or give a life skills class to foster care youth.
- If you have a few weeks – volunteer to help distribute recruitment materials for our programs.
- If you can open your home – become a foster parent.

For more information about how you and LCS can partner to make a difference in the life of a child, call 206-694-5713 or email mreed@lcsnw.org.

"Lutheran Community Services opened up what has been the most amazing experience for me. I went into it uncertain of whether I would adopt, but clear that I would have an opportunity to respond to that call in my own heart to be able to reach out to a young person in need. It's been an extraordinary journey that has been grace-filled at every turn, and in large part that's to the credit of the good folks at LCS."
-- Patrick D'Amelio, Foster/Adoptive Parent

Through LCS' Permanency Planning program, Patrick D'Amelio became the foster parent of Etta and Dylan, who had been born to a mother struggling with heroin addiction. Etta and Dylan became part of Patrick's family last year, when he formally adopted them.

Registration form

Congregation: _____ City: _____

Number of participants: _____ ($10 per person for lunch) Amount enclosed: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return this form and lunch fee to:

NWWS
5519 Phinney Ave. North
Seattle WA 98133

Assembly Voting members do not have to register. This is the second day of the assembly so your registration and lunch fee is included in your assembly registration.

Encourage others to attend!

The $10 lunch fee is a portion of the actual cost of the meal. We are required to use the convention center catering as we are trying to maximize our time together. Lunch will be available in between Celebration sessions and will be eaten during the sessions.

Questions? Contact Pam Kluth purplepatch47@msn.com 425.501.8735
Kim Unti kim.unti@comcast.net 425.271.5914

Songs of Celebration
Worship Instruments
Intercessory Prayers
Liturgical Arts

Technology in worship

Green Celebration
Earth friendly worship
Earth Ministry
Care for the creation

Family Reunion Celebration
Men's Ministry
Caring Ministry
Catechumenate

We are very excited to offer a "synod wide event" for everyone! There will be something for everyone. The only cost per person is a $10 lunch. You will hear a wonderful speaker, enjoy a celebration worship and have the opportunity to participate in three Celebration sessions.

The sessions are designed to present "where the rubber hits the road" ministries. Congregations will be presenting ministries that have worked for them and could work in other congregations.

Come join the party!

Registration information is on the reverse side of this invitation.

Deadline for registering is Friday May 8.

Saturday May 16 8:30 - 3:00
Lynnwood Convention Center

Come to the party! We are celebrating all the gifts of the Northwest Washington Synod. This is an event open to everyone.

Keynote Speaker ~ Leonard Sweet
Synod Worship ~ featuring congregational choirs
Celebrations ~ 10 themed resource sharing rooms of synod congregations

Registration is required so that box lunches can be ordered.

Sweet Celebration
Small group time with Leonard Sweet

Block Celebration
Afterschool Ministry

Open House Celebration
Time with ELCA rep.
Pastor Stephen Bouman
Biblical Texts for Mission

Banquet Celebration
Book of Faith

Globetrotters Celebration
Companion synod storytelling
Mission trips
Haik Orphanage

Gratitude Celebration

Everyone is Invited!

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This is an event open to anyone from all congregations.

The Spirit

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May-June 2009

We Are The Stewards Of God's Creation

by The Rev. Chris Boerger, Bishop

At the recent Faith Advocacy Day in Olympia I had the opportunity to testify before a State House committee on the Cap and Invest bill (Senate Bill 5735) that the Governor had proposed to the

those who do have the gift of understanding the complexities of climate and human beings affects on the climate are in agreement that we are having a damaging effect on the world. What we are doing now is not sustainable or desirable.

It is critical for the church to speak on behalf of those who will be damaged by our current practices. This includes many of the poorest communities of our world and for the non-human communities of plants

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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly
May 15 -16, 2009

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Information for the July 2009 issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by Wednesday, June 3.

because of my involvement with the Care of Creation Ready Bench of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Conference of Bishops. As a conference we have divided ourselves into small focus groups that will represent this church on current issues in our society. I am on the *Care of Creation Ready Bench*.

I agreed to do this because I am convinced that our stewardship of God's creation is a critical part of what it means to be a human being. God created us to care for this creation. We understand that what we own is in trust for the real owner, God. We are accountable to God, to our neighbors and to future generations for our decisions on how we use this created world.

I will be the first to admit that the science of the current global warming debate is beyond my limited understanding. I also recognize that you to learn more about organizations like Earth Ministry (www.earthministry.org). This site focuses on sustainable practices and the information is written in a very readable and usable format. David Rhoads at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago developed another resource (www.webofcreation). On this site you will find information about becoming at *green congregation*. These are two places to start.

In the long term we as a culture will need to change the way we live. That will be hard.

The accusing finger of God's law will once again be pointed at us. We can deny or despair the accusation or we can recognize the call we have from God to be stewards. This is a daily struggle. I encourage your witness to the power of God at work among us and all creation.

Editor's Note: Faith Advocacy Day in Olympia was co-sponsored this year by the Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO), the Washington Association of Churches, and the Church Council of Greater Seattle. Many Lutherans were present. In the morning Bishop Boerger, along with an unusual presence of the Governor, testified in support of SB5735 - the Cap & Invest bill. Bishop Boerger serves on Gov. Gregoire's Climate Action Team and serves on the ELCA's Conference of Bishop's *Care of Creation Ready Bench*.

2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Listening Sessions

The 2009 Churchwide Assembly will gin with worship on Monday, Aug. 17, and nclude Saturday, Aug. 23, in Minneapolis, nnesota. Host synods are: Minneapolis ea Synod and Saint Paul Area Synod.

Four listening sessions with our voting mbers will be held in May and June. This n opportunity for congregational members express their opinions regarding the various olutions and other decisions that will be made at this r's churchwide assembly.

Saturday, May 30—10 a.m. to noon at Our Savior's Lutheran, 215 Mukilteo Blvd, Everett; 425-252-0413

Saturday, June 13—10 a.m. to noon at St. Luke's Lutheran, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue; 425-822-7907

Thursday, June 18—7 to 9 p.m. at Salem Lutheran, 2529 Laventure Road, Mount Vernon; 360-336-3600

Saturday, June 20—10 a.m. to noon, TBD

At the 2008 Synod Assembly voting members elected people to attend the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. shop Chris Boerger and Larry Johnson, Associate in nistry and Synod Vice President, attend automatically cause of their leadership positions.)

Those elected were: The Rev. Chris Berry, Western shington University Campus Pastor; Diakonda rning, Synodically Authorized Minister, Indonesian theran Fellowship; Glenn Ryder, Denny Park in Seattle; e Rev. Jianhua (Jimmy) Hao, Grace Chinese, Seattle; llie Fosberg, Burlington in Burlington; The Rev. Pam ssell, Prince of Peace, Shoreline; Richard Bridges, Trinity Lynnwood; Sarah Tveit, Burlington in Burlington; and nessa Unti, St. Matthew in Renton.

For more information about the 2009 ELCA urchwide Assembly please visit www.elca.org/assembly.

LPPO Update

by Fred Wicks
Member of Holy Spirit, Kirkland

Editor's Note: The Rev. Paul Benz, Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington State, can be reached at benz@lcsnw.org; 206-464-4133; www.lppowa.org.

I was blessed with the opportunity for the second time to participate in the Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, DC, held in March. Andrew Gensler, the ELCA's director of our Washington, DC office, greeted ELCA members who attended.

The theme of this year's conference was *2009: Enough for All Creation*. This theme was chosen because we live in an increasingly interconnected world, and we have an enormous impact on each other and creation.

During an intensive weekend, with our days and evenings filled, we (800 participants) received information on key issues. We heard first-hand accounts of climate effects from people in the Congo, Columbia, Nigeria and the Pacific Islands. We learned how our national policies significantly affect climate change, use of natural resources, food distribution, fair trade, population migration and maintaining a sustainable life for people. The debate needs to be changed from global warming to environmental justice.

We also had the privilege of hearing from Mara Vanderslice, Religious Advisor to President Obama. She told us that the president wants not a top down, but a bottom up policy agenda. Mara offered her office as a conduit for advocacy voices on all issues.

The conference culminated on Monday with "Lobby Day", which meant Congressional visits on Capital Hill. It is an awesome place to be and, even more so, rewarding to be able to apply the knowledge and skills we had learned to inform and encourage our congress people on behalf of the nationwide faith community. We were five Washingtonians who visited Sen. Patty Murray's office to discuss mitigating

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mate change and its impact on people. We
t with assurance that our concerns and
licy recommendations would be addressed.

I need to mention our Lutheran Public
licy Office in Washington state. I was gratified to find
e experience we gain when attending Faith Advocacy
y in Olympia was great preparation for the national
vocacy event. Just as in our legislature, our Congress
ople want to hear what we care about.

Come Hear The Stories

Hear the success stories. Celebrate the
men. Pledge your support.

The Elizabeth Gregory Home Board
Directors invites you to attend our Third
nual Spring Benefit Dinner from 6 to
0 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, at Lake Union Cafe, Seattle.

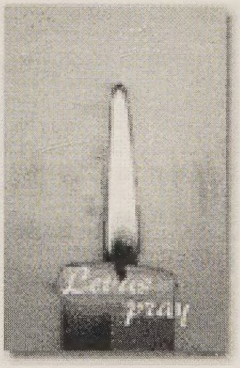
Elizabeth Gregory Home (EGH) is dedicated to
ping women move off the streets into independent
ng by providing safe, supportive, transitional housing
6-24 months. While living at EGH, women receive
lividual case management, job readiness skills, and life
ll classes. EGH also provides a seven-day drop-in center
women needing respite during the day, along with
ess to the most basic of human services, including food
l clean clothes.

To provide these services we need community
ancial support. Together, we can help the women of
H continue their diligent work of moving forward
h their lives. RSVP by Monday, May 4, 2009. Contacts
: Darleen Atik at 425.672.8692 or email: darleenatik@
ncast.net; or Carol Bridges at 206.523.1959 or email:
feybridges@comcast.net. To learn more visit
w.elizabethgregoryhome.org.

Here 'n There

- **El Camino de Emaus** is our Spanish-speaking Lutheran congregation in Skagit County serving immigrant families in the valley. On June 7 the congregation will be celebrating their third anniversary. Dinner (5 p.m.) and worship (6:30 p.m.) will take place at Burlington Lutheran in Burlington. Two quilts are being raffled to help support their ministry. Tickets are available. Contact Luz Maria Cabrerra at edluzcabrerra@verizon.ne
- **Immanuel Lutheran in Seattle** has been/will be busy. In February volunteers of Community Services (ICS), a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran, distributed food to a record 327 households, providing meals for almost 500 people. In March they hosted a group of student volunteers from Slippery Rock University in Penn. The 13 students flew out to spend spring break working on various projects related to hunger and poverty in Seattle. In May the congregation will be participating in a volunteer day to help support the 2009 Thrivent Builds with Habitat project. The home is located in Pacific, Wash.
- To receive the current issue of **Focus,** the Mission Partners newsletter, please visit www.elca.org.mp.
- **The Rev. Ronald F. Marshall**, pastor of First of West Seattle, had his critical review of Bill Maher's movie, Religulous (2008), posted on www.flcws.org.
- **Holy Spirit in Kirkland** has created a *Safe Haven Policy* to guide adults as they interact with minors in all church-related activities. Anyone who works or volunteers with children and youth is required to attend a training to receive information about and a copy of the policy.
- ***Grace Matters,*** the radio ministry of the ELCA, was discontinued and its last air date was on Easter Sunday. Previous programs can be found at www.gracematters.org

Within Our Family



e continue to hold in our prayers:
The Rev. Sai Wai (Paul) Cheung
The Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita
The Rev. Paul Wuest
The Rev. Joel Lohafar, Hope Lutheran in Lynden
The Rev. John LaMunyon, Samammish Hills Lutheran in Sammamish
The Rev. Mikkel Hustad, St. Peter in Clinton

e pray for:
The family of the Rev. John Schiller, PLU Scociology professor for 33 years. He died on March 10 at his home in Calif. A celebration of John's life is tentatively scheduled for the last week of April during University Chapel at Laugerquist Hall, PLU. Remembrances may be sent to the John A. and Aleen Schiller Scholarship Fund, PLU Office of Development.Cards may be sent to his son: Sam Schiller, 4417 Marble Way, Carmichael, CA 95008.
The family of the Rev. William Luoma, who passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease on March 26. He served five congregations in Ohio from 1956 to 1998. Pastor Luoma was the father of the Rev. Gretchen Luoma Cohan, Chaplain, Skagit Valley Hospital, Mount Vernon. Cards may be sent to: Gretchen Cohan, 20614 Maupin Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-7128
The family of the the Rev. Dick Bahnson. He passed away on on March 27 at his home in Spokane. He was ordained in the ALC in 1962. Cards may be sent to his wife, Mary at: 4807 N Willow Road, Spokane, WA 99206.
Richard Bridges, Synod Council member, is ill with liver damage and awaiting surgery on an unrelated problem. Please keep him in your prayers. Cards may

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Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Julie Hutson	Luther Memorial, Seattle	3/31/2009
Gerald Buss	Northwest Washington Synod Office	4/13/2009
Resignation		
Gerald Buss	Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor	4/13/2009
Michael Ross	Edmonds, Edmonds	4/15/2009
Retirements		
Cathie Carlisle	Aloha, Oregon	5/1/2009
Transfers In/Out of Synod		
Mark Gravrock	to Montana Synod	3/31/2009

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Within Our Family

be sent to him at: c/o The Millionair Club, 2513 Western Ave, Seattle WA 98121.

† **The Rev. Joe Albue,** Family of Christ, Vancouver, suffered a heart attack in mid-March. A stint was put in and he is now at home recuperating. Cards may be sent to: Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 13001 NW 36th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98685-2298.

† **The Rev. Bill Walles,** Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley, and his family are traveling to China to bring home their daughter. They plan to return to Maple Valley on April 22. Card of congratulations may be mailed to: The Walles Family, c/o Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 23855 SE 216th St, Maple Valley, WA 98038.

† **Lyle and Doris Bergstrom,** parents of former LYONS Director Bergie Bergstrom, lost their home and all its contents to a fire in mid-March. The fire was caused by a lightening storm in rural Kansas.

or's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our site at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated kly, when necessary.

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

Call Process	Position	Status	Current, Interim/Supply Pastor
lington, Our Saviour	PR	TR	Marillyn Schultz Rothermel, Interim
nbridge Island, Bethany	PR	P	Dennis Shaffert, Interim
lingham, Christ the Servant	PR	P	Jim Miley, Interim
thell, First Evangelical	PR	TR	Doug Stensby, Interim
thell, Light of the Cross	PR	TR	Cindy Salo, Interim
rlington, Burlington	PR	TR	Michael Swain, Interim
monds, Edmonds	PR	NV	Interim Pending
erett, Zion	PR	TR	Mitch Watney, Supply
erson, Immanuel	PR	C	Mary Bosell, Interim
aquah, Shepherd of the ls	PR	TR	Martha Myers, Interim
rcer Island, Holy Trinity	PR	C	Supply
unt Vernon, First ngelical	PR	TR	Linda Larson, Interim
rth Bend, Mount Si	PR	I	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim
k Harbor, Oak Harbor	PR	NV	Interim Pending
ttle, Gethsemane	PR	TR	Maynard Atik, Interim
ttle, St Paul's of Shorewood	PR	TR	Supply

Mobility Position Key:
= Pastor
= Associate
M = Associate in Ministry
= Diaconal Minister
P = Associate with Special
phasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I	= Interviewing
C	= Calling
NV	= New Vacancy
V	= Vacancy
SC	= Synod Call
TR	= Transition process
P	= Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO	= Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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